

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on August 15, 2017 at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Mayor Pro-Tem, Brady Broussard and Francis Touchet, Jr.

Members Absent: Councilman Wayne Landry
Councilman Joe Hardy

Also Present: Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Tony Hardy, Police Chief
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Joseph Vallee, Municipal Civil Service Board Member
Gerald Gaspard, Chamber of Commerce
Marcelo Davis, Christian Service Center

Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr. to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to ratify bills paid in the month of July 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the probational appointment of Brittany Hebert and Hannah Gentry to the position of Police Officer in the Abbeville Police Department, pending successful completion of all post-hire assessments. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza asked if there were any public comments on any agenda items. There were none.

Plaisance/Broussard
Ordinance 17-04

An ordinance extending and enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Abbeville, in the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, and including herein the property added to the said City and defining the entire boundaries of the City of Abbeville as changed by said addition. The property to be annexed is the Sassy Suds Property.

The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve payment to Southern Constructors, LLC in the amount of \$32,343.00 for the Lorraine Street emergency sewer repairs project. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the cost estimate in the amount of \$8,682.91 to redo the sewer line on Alan Alexandre. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Marcelo Davis, Director of the Christian Service Center, was in attendance at tonight's meeting to request a special event permit. They will hold a 5K Run and Fun Walk on November 18, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM. He wanted to run/walk along South Washington to A. A. Comeaux Park. We will start at the Christian Service Center then we will head west on Chevis and then we will make a left on S. St. Charles Street, then a right on Vermilion and then head straight to the Fire Station then that would be South Washington. Mayor Piazza asked if they could head straight down Vermilion then take a left and you head to the Square. If you come down S. St. Charles then you are utilizing a State highway. That will cause a problem since it is a major thoroughfare. Mr. Davis stated they could start on North Bailey then go to Vermilion. Chief Hardy stated that would be a much easier route. Mr. Funderburk stated the Christian Service Center also asked for the permit fee to be waived and only to have \$500,000 coverage in insurance instead of the required \$2,000,000. Mayor Piazza stated we are normally comfortable with \$1,000,000.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the special event permit for the Christian Service Center 5K Run and Fun Walk to be held on November 18, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, to waive the special event permit fee, to allow them to only have \$1,000,000 in insurance coverage instead of the required \$2,000,000 and that Mr. Davis meet with Chief Hardy to plan the safest route. The motion carried unanimously.

Gene Sellers, Engineer

- *The prep on Coulee Kinney Road stated today for the overlay. They are behind schedule on the asphalt portion because of all the rain we have been having. We have to have dry weather all over since the asphalt comes from New Iberia.*

Clay Menard, Public Works Director

- *The two workers we had received from the FEMA program after last year's flooding are no longer here. The program ended Friday. We had utilized them to flush culverts.*
- *Councilman Plaisance asked Clay to check out the pile of tires behind the bingo hall.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *He, Councilman Broussard and Charlene Beckett are working on a project to eliminate some of the older trees on the City Hall parking lot. They are battered. He also spoke to Stewart about maybe putting some of the electricity underground. He is also awaiting a quote for landscaping. We can do some of the work in-house but to remove those stumps in the planters, we really need a professional so we don't break up all the concrete. It is time to spruce up the City Hall parking lot. He will bring this back to the City Council once he gets the quotes.*
- *We have made positive strides on the telephone system. We have cut the options on the auto attendant by one-half. We will continue to perfect the system. Option #6 is for the operator.*

Police Chief Tony Hardy

- *Had seven vehicles to surplus.*

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to surplus the following vehicles from the Police Department and offer them for sale by sealed bid: Unit 592-

2008 Chevrolet Impala, Unit 523-2005 Ford Crown Victoria, Unit 522-2004 Ford Crown Victoria, Unit 515-2004 Ford Crown Victoria, Unit 590-2010 Chevrolet Impala, Unit 499-2004 Ford Crown Victoria and Unit 460-1999 Grand Marquis. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *We have a Farmers Market this Saturday.*
- *Sounds on the Square will begin again on September 28th. Warren Storm will be playing.*
- *Welcomed Mr. Gerald Gaspard with the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Joseph Vallee with the Municipal Civil Service Board. He thanked them for their participation in our meetings.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Asked for prayers for several of our City employees who are ill at this time.*

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Piazza declared this meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor